



### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Planning Commission

At the February 19 meeting, the Planning Commission took the following actions:

- Approved a Conditional Use Permit application to allow the establishment of a 1,200-square-foot business that specializes in the purchase of precious metals, known as Rio Cash for Gold, located at 6271 Lone Tree Way in Shady Willow Plaza.
- Approved a Design Review application to add three new house plans to the previously-approved six house plans currently under construction by Meritage Homes on 88 lots within Los Ranchos, located south of Grant Street and west of O'Hara Avenue.

### FINANCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

#### Utility Billing Server Upgrade

Information Services staff has recently upgraded the City's Utility Billing server to a "virtual" server. Virtual servers are much more cost effective and use less power than standard servers and offer the option of colocation, which means mirrored servers can be used as backup in the event of a technical problem. The migration to virtual servers is a key component of the City's long-term Information Technology disaster recovery plan.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

#### Youth in Government Program

The Youth in Government Program has returned for the sixth year, providing 48 Brentwood high school seniors a unique opportunity to experience a day-in-the-life of a member of either City Council or City staff. This two-day program is sponsored in part by the Brentwood Lions Club. During day one, students will enjoy a bus tour featuring Brentwood's current projects and site tours, meet with their assigned City department, and then attend the City Council meeting. Attending the City Council meeting prepares students for their own mock City Council meeting the following week (day two), where they run the meeting, discuss the issues, present the staff reports they have developed, and make tough decisions. Youth in Government Day will take place on Tuesday, February 26, followed by their mock City Council meeting on Monday, March 4.



### Award Recognition

The City has recently been honored by the following awards/designations, which will be presented to City Council at a future City Council meeting:

- Excellence in Design for the Community Center/City Park, awarded by District III (Contra Costa and Alameda counties) of the California Park and Recreation Society.
- Award of Excellence for the Brentwood Community Center, in the category of Facility Design – Community Centers/Mixed Use Facilities. This award is from the California Park and Recreation Society and is a statewide recognition.
- For the third year in a row, we have been designated a Tree City USA, for 2012, by the Arbor Day Foundation.



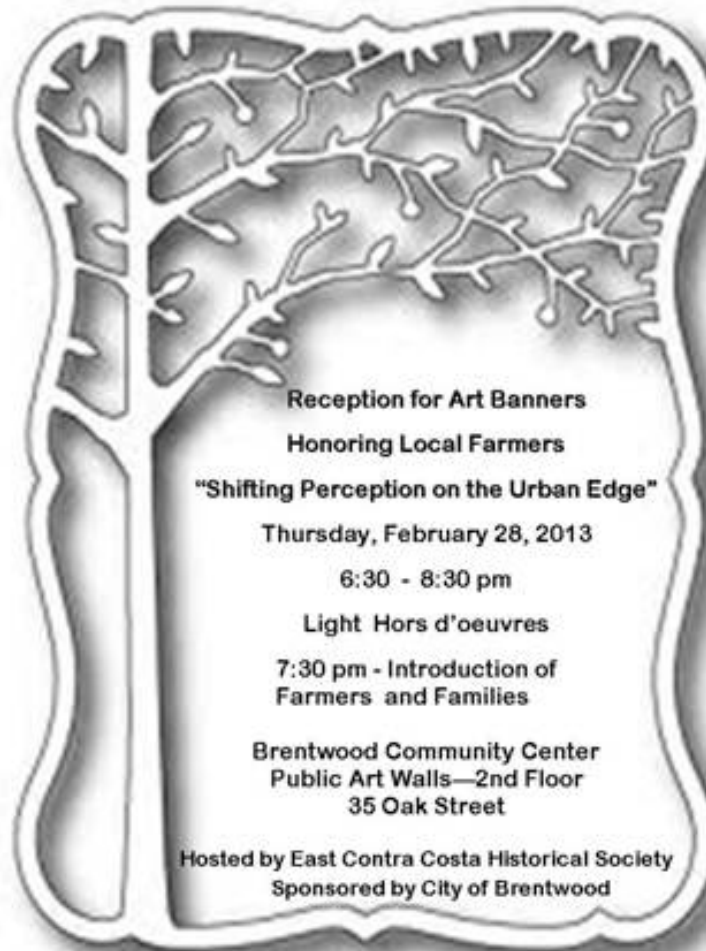
### Veterans Park Bocce Court Expansion

The installation of the shade structures in Veterans Park is progressing on schedule. It is anticipated that this portion of the project will be completed next week. Remaining work includes one more concrete pour, a new fence line, landscaping enhancements, installation of benches and tables, and the reconditioning of the four bocce courts.



### Art Reception

On Thursday, February 28, a reception will be held that will focus on the art banners located on the second floor of the Community Center. “Shifting Perception on the Urban Edge” will be an opportunity for attendees to mingle with the local farmers and their families that are featured on the art banners displayed in this exhibit. This event will be hosted by the East Contra Costa Historical Society and is sponsored by the City of Brentwood.



### “A Brides Day Out” Event

The Brentwood Community Center will once again be participating in “A Brides Day Out” on Saturday, February 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. “A Brides Day Out” kicks off the wedding season by promoting several businesses and features discounts and prizes. This event is sponsored by Experience Downtown Brentwood, a coalition of the City of Brentwood and Brentwood Chamber of Commerce. For more information, visit [www.brentwooddowntown.com](http://www.brentwooddowntown.com) or call the Chamber of Commerce at (925) 634-3344.



### POLICE

#### Volunteer Program

The VIPS (Volunteers in Police Services) program previously known as BACUP (Brentwood Active Citizens in Uniformed Patrol) is an adult, uniformed civilian volunteer program that was established in 1995 and operates out of the Brentwood Police Department. VIPS assist the City with many tasks delegated by the Police Department, as well as the Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department, such as:

- Restock crucial forms and documents
- Provide patrol at parks, and at local retail centers during the holiday season
- Assist with extra patrol at special events
- Assist with scenario-based training as role players for the SWAT team and Crisis Negotiation Team
- Assist with DUI checkpoints
- Crime scene security
- Provide traffic control at major traffic collisions
- Assist with customer service at the police station and substation
- Data entry
- Deliver criminal cases to the District Attorney's Office for filing on a weekly basis

For more information, visit <http://www.brentwoodca.gov/department/pd/community/bacup.cfm> or contact Sergeant Schroer at (925) 809-7754.



### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **PG&E Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan Update**

As a part of PG&E's multi-year Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan, PG&E is replacing an old existing gas pipeline with a new 24-inch gas pipeline in Fairview Avenue. PG&E has completed the construction of the pipeline replacement between Grant Street and Fairview Court and will begin paving this area next week. On Saturday, February 23, the contractor will be working in the intersection of Fairview Avenue and Grant Street and detours will be in place. The next area of work will be from Sand Creek Road southerly to San Jose Avenue. Traffic delays and detours should be expected in these areas between the weekday hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For more information please contact, Tony Del Greco of PG&E at (510) 846-1397. The latest traffic alert information associated with this work can be found on the City of Brentwood's website by clicking on the following link: [Road Conditions](#).

#### **State Route 4 - Sand Creek Road Interchange Project**

Construction of the new bridges continues to progress as shown in the following photos.



*Bridge over Sand Creek Road - facing north east*



*Bridge over San Jose Avenue – facing south east*





*Top of Bridge over San Jose Avenue – facing south*

*Bridge over Lone Tree Way – facing north west*



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